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## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PARK ARMSTRONG

Acting Special Assistant to the  
Secretary of State for Research  
and IntelligenceSubject: Disposition of Pictorial Records  
Files of the Department of StateReferences: (a) CIA Memo to IAB agencies  
dated 25 August 1947,  
same subject(b) Letter from Mr. [redacted] to  
Captain [redacted] dated  
10 September 1947 in  
reply to reference (a)25X1A9a  
25X1A9a

1. Reference (a) was addressed to all the Intelligence Advisory Board agencies in order to obtain their current desires on subject files in view of the length of time which has elapsed since the ad hoc committee meeting which was held on the subject in August 1946.

2. Replies have now been received to reference (a) from all agencies. Two of the armed services' agencies desired that the agreement, reached by the ad hoc committee mentioned above, remain valid and the other recommended that the files be placed in dead storage.

3. The Central Intelligence Agency is of the opinion that in view of the doubtful value to it of this collection, that the files should either be retained by the State Department or transferred as a whole, or in part, to any other Intelligence Advisory Committee agency which could make use of same, and which is in a position to receive them.

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4. It is requested, however, that before final disposition is made of the files, that the Central Intelligence Agency have access to the files in order to obtain certain information from the Pictorial Records File Staff regarding indexing procedures and related matters.

5. If this meets with your approval, arrangements will be made for obtaining the information noted above directly between the Reference Center, Central Intelligence Agency, and the Pictorial Records File Staff.

*Signal*  
*Gen. C. F. Wright*  
*Deputy Director* —

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